



# The Early College High School Initiative At A Glance

Early college high schools are small, autonomous schools that blend high school and college into a coherent educational program:

- They are designed so that all students can achieve two years of college credit at the same time as they are earning a high school diploma (within four to five years of entering 9th grade).
- Students start college work based on their performance.
- All students prepare to complete a Bachelor's degree.
- By reaching out to middle schools or starting with the seventh grade and providing extensive support, early college high schools ensure that all students are ready for college-level courses in high school.

150 early college high schools will open by 2011, serving approximately 60,000 students. Early college high schools

are designed for young people who are underrepresented in postsecondary education—students who have not had access to the academic preparation needed to meet college readiness standards, students for whom the cost of college is prohibitive, students of color, and English language learners.

Early college high schools serve the developmental and intellectual needs of young people. They remove major barriers to postsecondary access and success. Students are rewarded for hard work by the opportunity to accelerate and to earn two years of college credit without charge. The physical transition between high school and college is eliminated, along with the demands of applications for admission and financial aid. And learning takes place in a personalized environment in which rigorous work is demanded and supported.

## 2004 SCHOOLS & STUDENTS

46	Number of early college high schools currently open
6,533	Number of students enrolled in early college high schools
27	Number of early college high schools with two-year higher education partners
13	Number of early college high schools with four-year higher education partners
6	Number of early college high schools with two & four-year higher education partners
19	Number of states (including Washington DC) with open early college high schools
150	Number of schools anticipated by 2011
60,000	Number of students anticipated by 2011
400	Average number of students in early college high schools when fully enrolled

## SCHOOL THEMES

Allied Health & Medicine  
Biotechnology  
Engineering  
International Business  
Liberal Arts  
Linguistics  
Mathematics, Science, & Technology  
Native American Culture  
Teacher Preparation

## SCHOOL DESIGNS

Early college high schools are created through formal agreements between secondary and postsecondary institutions. Schools are on or near a postsecondary campus.

Institutional arrangements include:

- Charter school/community college
- School district/public state university
- Magnet school on campus/private liberal arts college
- Charter school/historically black institution
- City public school/community college campus
- Public school with tribal affiliation/community college

## FUNDING

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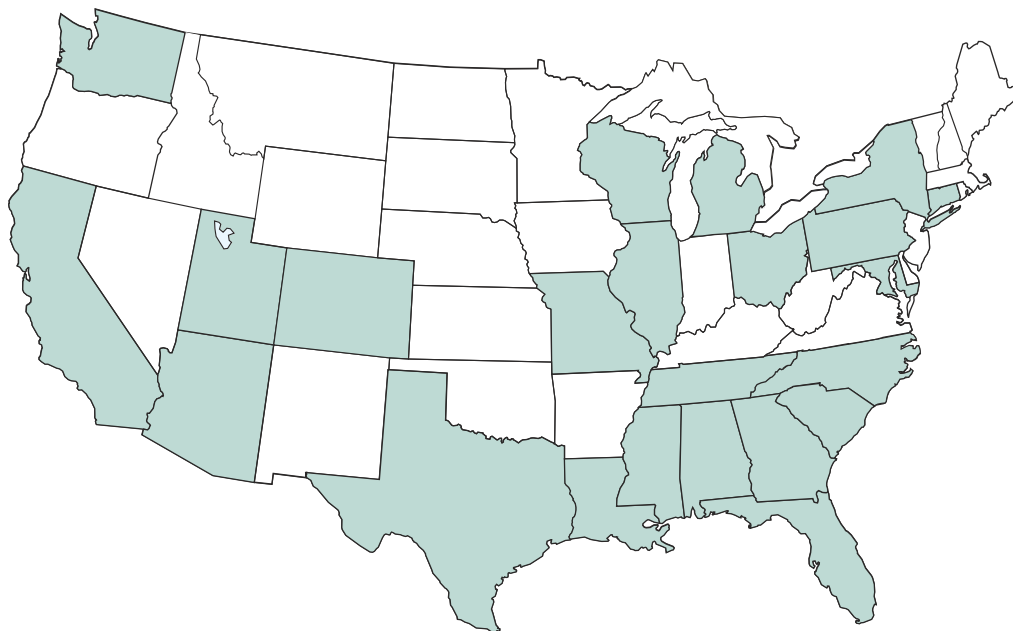
Foundation support for school planning and start-up costs totals more than \$60 million to date. Additional and long-term funding for schools comes from a variety of public and private sources.

Proposals from intermediaries wishing to implement early college high schools are by invitation of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation only.

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## LOCATIONS OF EARLY COLLEGE HIGH SCHOOLS



## THE ROLE OF JOBS FOR THE FUTURE

- To create and maintain a vision, mission, and overall strategy for the Early College High School initiative
- To provide peer learning opportunities and technical assistance to the partners and schools
- To link the initiative with the broader movement to increase college access and success
- To gather data for purposes of mid-course correction and outcomes
- To enable the initiative to take root in states and districts
- To move the secondary/postsecondary change agenda more broadly
- To bring the lessons of early college high schools to a national, state, and local audience of policy-makers, educators, and the general public

## EARLY COLLEGE HIGH SCHOOL INITIATIVE PARTNERS AND SCHOOLS OPENING 2002-2005

### Antioch University Seattle

Seattle, WA: [www.antiochsea.edu](http://www.antiochsea.edu)

Schools in: Ferndale, WA; LaConner, WA; Shelton, WA, Marysville, WA; Spokane, WA (2); Suquamish, WA; and Wellpinit, WA

### City University of New York

New York, NY: [www.cuny.edu](http://www.cuny.edu)

Schools in: Bronx, NY

### Foundation for California Community Colleges

Sacramento, CA: [www.foundationccc.org](http://www.foundationccc.org)

Schools in: Alameda, CA; Antelope, CA; Eureka, CA; Modesto, CA; Santa Ana, CA (2); and Norco, CA

### Georgia Department of Education and the University System of Georgia

Atlanta, GA

### Jobs for the Future

Boston, MA: [www.jff.org](http://www.jff.org)

### KnowledgeWorks Foundation

Cincinnati, OH: [www.kwfdn.org](http://www.kwfdn.org)

Schools in: Dayton, OH; Elyria, OH; and Youngstown, OH

### Middle College National Consortium

Long Island City, NY: [www.laguardia.edu/mcnc/](http://www.laguardia.edu/mcnc/)

Schools in: Buffalo, NY; Chicago, IL; Denver, CO; Flint, MI; Greenville, SC; Long Island City, NY (2); Manchester, CT; Memphis, TN; Phoenix, AZ; San Pablo, CA; Santa Ana, CA; Stockton, CA; and Wilmington, CA

### National Council of La Raza

Washington, DC: [www.nclr.org](http://www.nclr.org)

Schools in: Bronx, NY; Chicago, IL; Houston, TX; Kansas City, MO; Lancaster, PA; Los Angeles, CA; Milwaukee, WI (2); Pueblo, CO; Tucson, AZ; Washington, DC; and West Hills, CA

### Portland Community College's Gateway to College

Portland, OR: [www.gatewaytocollege.org](http://www.gatewaytocollege.org)

Schools in: Riverside, CA; Rockville, MD; Clackamas, OR; San Antonio, TX and Atlanta, GA

### SECME, Inc.

Atlanta, GA: [www.secme.org](http://www.secme.org)

Schools in: Atlanta, GA; Durham, NC; Jackson, MS; Jacksonville, FL; Miami, FL; Nashville, TN; Selma, AL; and Washington, DC

### Utah Partnership

Salt Lake City, UT: [www.utahpartnership.utah.org](http://www.utahpartnership.utah.org)

Schools in: Ogden, UT; Salt Lake City, UT; and West Jordan, UT

### Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation

Princeton, NJ: [www.woodrow.org](http://www.woodrow.org)

Schools in: Berkeley, CA; Brooklyn, NY; Hartford, CT; Los Angeles, CA; New Orleans, LA; New York, NY; Philadelphia, PA; Seattle, WA; Palo Alto, CA; and Washington, DC

*In addition, networks of early college high schools in North Carolina and Texas are affiliated with the Initiative.*